Supplementary list of successful candidates in the E. S. L. C. Examination, 1932.

428. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction published a supplementary list of successful candidates in the recent English School Leaving Examination;

(*b*) the basis on which the supplementary list was published;

(*c*) whether it was cancelled later on;

(*d*) the reason for the cancellation, if the supplementary list was published on reasonable grounds;

(*e*) whether it was want of due diligence and caution on the part of the authorities concerned that caused the publication of the supplementary list;

(*f*) whether the Director of Public Instruction was on leave at the time of the publication of the supplementary list and the cancellation of the same;

(*g*) who was in charge of the duties of the Director of Public Instruction, if he was on leave; and

(*h*) whether the Government asked for an explanation from the authorities concerned for these irregularities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*e*) The member is referred to the answer given to Interpellation No. 427 relating to the same subject.

(*f*) Yes, at the time of the publication; but not at the time of cancellation.

(*g*) The Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction.

(*h*) There was no irregularity for which an explanation had to be called for.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Was the Personal Assistant authorised to publish the list?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was then in charge of the Director's duties.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Was he not in charge only of the office work of the Director?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was in charge of the current duties of the Director and so urgent duties had to be attended to by him.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Did the Director return at the time of cancellation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer that he was not here at the time of cancellation.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): What was the period of his leave?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 15 days.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): So, the communication was received from the Syndicate during this period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Who signed the certificates ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That does not arise here.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Had the Director signed these certificates before he went on leave ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question about the signature on certificates does not arise here.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : If it was during the interval that the intimation was received from the Registrar, could the certificates have been signed by the Director ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is a different question.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : So, the member claims notice ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, I say the question does not arise.

Revaluation of answer papers of the candidates for the E. S. L. C. Examination, 1107.

429. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the answer paper of any student who sat for the E. S. L. C. Examination this year (1107) was revalued, at his instance, after the publication of the general results, and, if so, with what result ;

(*b*) whether any money was levied from him for costs involved and whether the amount was refunded to him, and, if so, the reason for the order ;

(*c*) whether they are satisfied that there would be no similar mistakes if the other answer papers are revalued ; and

(*d*) whether they propose to take any, and, if so, what action against the person for whose fault the revaluation had to be made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, these do not arise.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : If there was no revaluation, was there a re-scrutiny ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Am I to take it that it has not been brought to the notice of Government that one student who was declared to have failed was subsequently declared to have passed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was not brought to the notice of Government.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Was it brought to the notice of Government that a candidate who obtained 55 marks was declared to have obtained only 15 when the results were published ?

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